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### TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

#### Mrs. Laws Very Low—

J. N. Laws, whose serious condition was noted a few days ago, is still in precarious condition and he has been practically unconscious some of the time lately.

#### Pastor Is Ill—

Rev. Conrad L. Owens of the Baptist Church, is quite ill with an attack of the grip and will not be able to conduct the services today. Services will be held, however, by lay members of the congregation. There will be services in the morning only when S. K. Diebel will deliver a homily.

#### In Probate Court—

In probate court yesterday in the matter of the estate of Peter E. Svenson, it was ordered that the administratrix, Anna Sofia Svenson, be empowered to sell the personal property and that the realty be discharged from administration. Also that the widow be assigned her dower in the real estate.

#### Here From Portland—

Mr. B. Lee Paget, secretary of the Portland Trust Company of Oregon, is in the city, the guest of P. J. Brix. Mr. Paget is here in the interest of the Laymen's Association of the Methodist Church and will occupy Rev. C. C. Rarick's pulpit Sunday morning.

#### On Tour Of Inspection—

Postal Inspector O. C. Riches is making a tour of inspection to the outlying offices of Clatsop county, and yesterday paid official attention to the postoffice at Warrenton, Hammond, Fort Stevens and Flavel, and found them each and all in the best possible shape and condition.

#### Lecture Ahead—

On next Friday evening at the First Baptist church, and under the auspices of the Baptist Young People's Union, Rev. Dr. Jordan will deliver his famous lecture "Way Down South In Dixie"; a treat that many people will avail themselves of and be glad to do it.

#### Beautiful Weather—

The beautiful day yesterday attracted many out on the streets and all day long the down town thoroughfares were crowded with shoppers and pedestrians. It was really the first Spring day of the year and overcoats and rubbers were cast to one side by nearly everyone. Last night the moon and stars shone bright and the night gave promise of another beautiful day.

#### Will Lease Brickyard—

Announcement is made that there is every probability that the brick plant in the eastern part of the city will be leased. Today a man from Idaho, a practical brick man, will arrive in the city to take charge of the matter, and plans have been virtually agreed upon to lease to him. It is expected that under his management the plant will be started up and the works put on a paying basis. There seems no reason why the place should not be made a fine success, as the clay is there, the machinery all in, and nothing is wanting but practical men to take hold of the concern.

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#### A New Doctor—

Dr. Marsh, a woman practitioner, has come to Astoria with the expectation of permanently remaining in this city if things promise well. She is not a regular physician, but belongs to the school of Chiropractic, whose treatment is somewhat similar to that of the Osteopaths. Dr. Marsh was in Prineville for a period and from there went to Portland, from whence she comes here. She is at the Irving hotel for the present.

#### Girls' Basketball—

The girls' basketball team of the Astoria High School will meet the girls' team from Albany on Monday night in the gymnasium of the Athletic Club. The Albany team is looked upon as an excellent one and a first class contest may be expected. The local girls have been practicing right along, and under the coaching of Harry Harbert are thought to be capable of meeting almost any girls' team in the State.

#### County Warrant Call—

County Treasurer William A. Sherman has issued a call for warrants of the general fund, covering the period for five months preceding the 1st of December, 1907, amounting to about \$25,000, including interest; and for all the outstanding Court House warrants, in the sum of \$5000. Treasurer Sherman intends to make another call immediately after the 15th inst., when, it is expected, the greater portion of the tax collections will have been made.

#### Over From Cathlamet—

Editor Bailey, of the Columbia Sun, at Cathlamet, was in the city yesterday on a business trip. Mr. Bailey says that Doctor Peacock is not under strict confinement in the county jail, but is under the personal charge of the sheriff and making excellent headway on his bond in the sum of \$3000 and the same will soon be ready for the approval of the court, pending the argument of the motion for change of venue which is to be argued at Cathlamet on the 15th of the present month.

#### Efforts Are Legitimate—

The story in the Astorian yesterday telling of the efforts being made to secure prices or options on much of the property in the center of the city naturally attracted much attention. It is said that in a few days it may be possible to announce just what there is back of the matter. One man, who says he knows what the deal means, said yesterday that it is not desired to get any waterfront property, nothing nearer the river than Bond street or Astor street.

#### Going Out of Business—

Max Stral is selling out his clothing and general store on West Commercial street and does not intend to engage in that line of business in the future. Mr. Stral has been in the clothing business in Astoria for many years and his friends will now regret to learn of the cause that impels him to close up his store. Mrs. Stral is seriously ill and may not last many weeks longer and for that reason Mr. Stral does not care to stay at his business. He says later he may open up some little business of a different kind, enough to engage his time and attention in a minor way.

#### Card Of Thanks.

Astoria, Or., Feb. 25, 1909.  
To Seaside Lodge No. 12, A. O. U. W. and the Grand Lodge of Oregon A. O. U. W.

Gentlemen—I desire to express my sincere appreciation for the promptitude with which you have discharged your financial obligation. As you know my husband, Ludwig Hartwig, was taken away from me on Sunday evening the 21st of this month, and this morning, to my surprise, I was handed a draft for the amount of his insurance, two thousand (\$2000) dollars, by the officers of the Lodge. Yours sincerely,  
BARBARA HARTWIG.

Mr. Hartwig joined the order on March 10, 1879, at the age of 48 years. His insurance, including local lodge dues, cost him \$1006.90 or an average of \$33.56 per year, for \$2000, which is \$16.78 per thousand. What old line company will insure a man aged 48 years for this sum.

Mr. Hartwig was the oldest member of Seaside Lodge consequently he paid the maximum into the lodge to date.

#### Viewers Meet—

George A. Nelson, T. R. Davis and J. E. Ferguson, the viewers who were appointed by the common council to examine into the matter of opening a road through block 69 in McClure's, met yesterday morning and looked over the ground. At the present time Grand avenue as it runs through the McClure addition, and the same thoroughfare as it runs through the Shively addition, do not meet, but form a little jog. When each addition was laid out the platting was done with but little thought of the streets, and now it is deemed best to straighten out this jog. The viewers are to lay out the street across the block so as to make a more direct connection.

#### Not For Three Months—

The appointment of an additional judge for this end of the Fifth Judicial Circuit will not be made for about three months yet, as the measure does not become law until the expiration of 90 days from the time of the closing of the legislature. The appointment of the judge seems to be attracting much attention and Governor Benson is already being importuned by friends of the respective candidates. The name of Attorney Howard M. Brownell has been mentioned in connection with the matter. "I am a comparatively young man in years," said Mr. Brownell last night, "and a comparatively young man in practice of the law, and perhaps I am not too modest when I say that I think I am hardly well enough qualified for such an important position as that of circuit judge. I am not a candidate in any sense of the word."

#### Franchise Is Signed—

Mayor Smith signed the franchise granting right of way and other privileges to the Oregon Coast Electric Company, yesterday, and the matter is now completed as far as the city is concerned. F. L. Evans, the promoter of the project, has started for the east and a copy of the engrossed ordinance will be sent to him there. At the meeting of the council Monday night the franchise was amended in various particulars, and hence it became necessary to write it all over again. The engrossed ordinance was yesterday read over by the city attorney, Mr. Abercrombie, and Judge Anderson, and after it was found to be all right the mayor appended his signature. In every way the local holding concern has now lived up to its part of the project and it remains for the promoter to secure the money which he has constantly averred was all in readiness for the building of the line. But if by any chance Mr. Evans fails to get the finances the holding company will at once turn to others and there is every confidence that the line will be built within a reasonably short time.

#### Trial At Warrenton—

The trial of Fred Broemser at Warrenton yesterday, wherein he is charged with using "profane, obscene and vulgar language," to Mrs. W. J. Eastbrook, was not completed owing to the absence of one of the important witnesses. The case is attracting much attention there, and the little court room was crowded yesterday when the case was called. The complaint against Broemser was sworn out by the city marshal, and Attorney J. A. Eakin of this city is prosecuting the matter. Attorney Brownell is defending. The complaint states that Broemser, who is well known in this city and is now an employee of Coffey's grocery store at Warrenton, used the bad language to Mrs. Eastbrook while in the store. Mrs. Eastbrook is the wife of Judge Eastbrook, who is hearing the action. It is understood that young Broemser vigorously denies that he is guilty as charged. The trial will be taken up again March 13.

#### Vancouver Wins—

The boys of the Vancouver basketball team ran off with the game against the team of the Astoria Athletic Club last night, by the score of 31 to 12. The Vancouver five seemed to be the faster of the two aggregations, and the local boys probably can have no protest coming with the result. In a way it may do the local boys good, for they learned what it is to run up against a fast team that also does first class team work. Ricketts, manager of the Vancouver team, playing center, was one of the stars of the contest, while Harry Harbert of the home team also showed up in his usual fine form. The Astoria boys made their 12 points by six foul goal throws, counting six points, and three field throws to goal, making the other six. The Vancouver boys made the largest part of their score by straight field throws, having no fewer than 13 of these, and securing the other five points on foul goals. The game was lively and spirited and the big audience was well pleased. The circus seats were filled and all had a chance to see the game in excellent shape.

### REALTY TRANSFERS

Margaret McCue to John C. McCue, lot 7, block 95, McClure's; \$100.  
Karl Knobloch, guardian, to Daniel Hannula and Amalia Hannula, undivided half interest in lots 5 and 6, block 2, Taylor's Astoria; \$3500.

## NEW BUSINESSMENS ASSOCIATION UNDERWAY

SECRET ASSEMBLAGE HELD AT COURT HOUSE, WEDNESDAY NIGHT LAST.

There developed in this city yesterday a fact that has been held "under the rose" since last Wednesday night, closely guarded by those that took part in it, and thought to be secure from general knowledge. But it suffered from the usual "leak" and is now practically, public property.

A movement was started, in a surreptitious way, for the organization of a "Merchants' Mutual Protective Association," in other words, a merger of the men and businesses of Astoria, committed to the proposition of opening up this city to the old-time days and conditions. Invitations were quietly passed around wherever it was thought they would be welcome, and the call was backed by the quiet caution to "keep it still"; the date was fixed for last Wednesday night, and the place named was the County Court room, which was granted the reactionaries for the purposes of the meeting.

At the hour specified there were probably a dozen people at the court house (if that many), and included in that crowd were Dr. W. C. Logan, ex-Councilman, and present Police Commissioner; George Kaboth, Albert Dunbar, Sam E. Harris, F. M. Cross, Charles F. Wise and Julius Wilberg, with enough others to make the Bakers' ratio alluded to. The members of the city press were absolutely barred and ignored and especial pains taken to keep them at a distance; the embargo including all members of the Civic League, and anyone suspected of having church affiliations of any sort. The mere fact that not a whisper was allowed to escape, before, or after, the meeting, indicates beyond all argument that the affair was secretly devised, carefully submerged and jealously shielded.

Police Commissioner Logan presided over the meeting with his usual ability and adaptability. Speeches of the evening were made by the gentlemen present on the issues in hand; and during the evening a resolution is said to have passed providing that at a subsequent meeting, all present stood pledged to bring another member with him; probably with the idea of building the strength of the movement upon the "endless chain" idea.

The Morning Astorian regrets its inability to give the details of the session, owing to the barriers set up against the reporters of this and all other papers in the city; but taking its cue from the genial chairman of the evening, it is directed to say that the trend of the movement is to "establish a mutuality, a unity of purpose, among the businessmen of Astoria, looking to the early acquirement here of a number of wholesale houses," etc., etc., etc. All of which, or as much of which, may be believed by the thoughtful citizen as he desires to swallow.

It is understood that the slogan adopted at this meeting runs thus: "If anyone asks you about this, tell 'em you was't there!" And upon this shrewd and appropriate understanding, adjournment was taken to an indefinite day and hour, when the high-sign will be given and the conclave will re-assemble to perfect exact and agreed details for a general "wide-open town" campaign, which will be started, in a public way, by a petition, signed by such merchants and citizens as are of that notion, for presentation to the Common Council of this city, urging that such administrative steps be taken by that body as shall remove the impediments now existing, and for the passing of such orders to the police and the department officers, as shall throw down the barrier.

#### DIFFICULT TO DRAW.

A teacher asked her class to draw a picture of that which they wished to be when they grew up, and all went diligently to work except one little girl, who only chewed her pencil. "Don't you know what you want to be when you grow up, Anna?" asked the teacher.

#### The Man Who Eats.

The man who eats does so with the expectation of being satisfied. To this end he seeks the best possible place to gratify his normal appetite at most rational expense. These things account for the steady stream of people to and from the portals of the Palace Restaurant in this city. The reputation of the Palace is founded immovably upon the certainty and amplitude of the service it renders to every purse, and appetite, big and little. Open day and night. Commercial streets, opposite the Page building.

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### PERSONAL MENTION

Hon. Swenson Morton of Knappa-ton was in the city yesterday on matters of business.

H. Emory of Portland was in the city yesterday a guest at the Hotel Occident.

Messrs. G. M. Anderson, C. W. Ricketts, R. M. Thoroughman, W. A. Winters, R. J. Taylor, A. P. Munger, all of Vancouver were registered at the Occident yesterday.

D. E. Applegate of New York was a business visitor in this city yesterday and was quartered at the Northern.

N. F. Jackson of Pendleton spent the day in Astoria yesterday and went to Seaside on the evening train.

J. R. Engardine of Spokane was among the business tourists noted in this city yesterday. He was quartered at the Merwyn.

J. K. Lemuelson of Montreal was a business visitor here yesterday.

H. T. Rasmussen of Seattle was doing business in Astoria yesterday, and went back to the metropolis on the 6:10 train last evening.

O. T. Smedberg of San Francisco was among the host of tourists in Astoria yesterday.

F. D. Cantwell of Tacoma spent the day here yesterday and will leave for Aberdeen this morning.

J. G. Danbury of Sacramento was among the crowds that alighted from the noon train here yesterday.

O. J. McIntyre, of Boston was in the city yesterday, en route to South Bend.

#### LOTS OF ROOM NEEDED.

It is a curious fact that the inevitable first thought of a British jack tar when landing from a cruise is to get on a horse. For purposes of economy one animal frequently serves for two or three grinning sailor boys. Recently a sailor from the fleet of British war-ships that accompanied the Prince of Wales to Quebec, approached the keeper of a down-town livery stable and asked for a horse.

"For riding or driving?" asked the liveryman.

"We'll be goin' aboard of 'im," responded the sailor.

"What kind of a horse do you want," continued the liveryman—"black, white chestnut, sorrel—lively, or gentle?"

"Stow all that," said the sailor; "what I'm after is a good long one. There's eight of us a-going on 'im."

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Sirloin Steak	10c
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Oven Roasts of Beef	8c
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Smith's Sugar-Cured Hams	15c
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